CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1   1.   A method for providing print outcome notification, comprising the

2   steps of:

3   determining which print settings are selected;

4   determining whether one or more of the print settings is likely to adversely

5   affect a printing result; and

6   providing notification to a user that a selected print setting may result in an

7   adverse printing result.

1   2.   The method of claim 1, wherein the step of determining which print

2   settings are selected comprises determining a print setting that has been selected by

3   the user.

1   3.   The method of claim 1, wherein the step of determining which print

2   settings are selected comprises determining a current default print setting.

1   4.   The method of claim 1, wherein the step of determining whether one or

2   more of the print settings is likely to adversely affect a printing result comprises

3   determining whether one or more of the print settings is likely to adversely affect at

4   least one of print quality, print speed, and consumption of a printing device

5   consumable.

1   5.   The method of claim 1, wherein the step of providing notification

2   comprises facilitating presentation of a warning dialogue box to the user.

1   6.   The method of claim 1, wherein the step of providing notification

2   comprises providing an indication of the degree of severity of the adverse result.

1   7.   The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of suggesting an

2   alternative print setting that will not likely result in an adverse printing result.

1   8.   The method of claim 7, further comprising the step of automatically

2   adjusting a print setting for the user so as to avoid an adverse printing result.

1   9.   A system for providing print outcome notification, comprising:

2   means for determining which print settings are selected;

3   means for determining whether one or more of the print settings is likely to

4   adversely affect a printing result; and

5   means for providing notification to a user that a selected print setting may

6   result in an adverse printing result.

1   10.   The system of claim 9, wherein the means for determining whether one

2   or more of the print settings is likely to adversely affect a printing result comprise

3   means for determining whether one or more of the print settings is likely to adversely

4   affect at least one of print quality, print speed, and consumption of a printing device

5   consumable.

1   11.   The system of claim 9, wherein the means for providing notification

2   comprise means for facilitating presentation of a warning dialogue box to the user.

1   12.   The system of claim 9, further comprising means for suggesting an

2   alternative print setting that will not likely result in an adverse printing result.

1   13.   A system that includes software configured to provide print outcome

2   notification, comprising:

3   logic configured to determine which print settings are selected;

4   logic configured to determine whether one or more of the print settings is

5   likely to adversely affect a printing result; and

6   logic configured to provide notification to a user that a selected print setting

7   may result in an adverse printing result.

1   14.   The system of claim 13, wherein the logic configured to determine

2   whether one or more of the print settings is likely to adversely affect a printing result

3   comprises logic configured to determine whether one or more of the print settings is

4   likely to adversely affect at least one of print quality, print speed, and consumption of

5   a printing device consumable.

1   15.   The system of claim 13, wherein the logic configured to provide

2   notification comprises logic configured to facilitate presentation of a warning dialogue

3   box to the user.

1   16.   The system of claim 13, further comprising logic configured to suggest

2   an alternative print setting that will not likely result in an adverse printing result.

1   17.   The system of claim 13, further comprising logic configured to cancel

2   printing.